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MEN WITH RED PIGTAILS

Unknown tribe found in New Guinea

New Guinea is giving up its secrets. Not long ago we told of the discovery there of natives who had never before seen a white man. Now comes news of another tribe in an unexplored region cut off from the outside world.

They were found recently by Australian police officers on patrol, who reached the tribesmen's hidden fastness by making a dangerous journey through the mountains.

OFTEN the policemen-explorers had to walk along ridges only a foot wide, at a height of 10,000 feet, with sheer drops beside them. One day they were descending an unknown, bush-clad valley when they saw ahead of them some unrecognised tribesmen, who were shouting and apparently clearing a path for them by hewing trees and bushes.

Any fear the white men may have had about their reception was soon dispelled. There was a rapturous welcome for the first white men these people had ever seen. They patted and hugged the

visitors, and shouted cries of greeting.

They were fine-looking folk. The men were tall, and had deep chests and wide shoulders, and all of them, men, women, and children, had handsome features. The men wore pigtails two feet long and some even had two pigtails, coated with red ochre, which they wore stiffly down their backs.

THE NEWS SPREADS

As the visitors walked on down the valley towards the villages, the news of their arrival spread, and soon they were surrounded by an excited but intensely friendly crowd. The tribesmen were astounded at the white men's appearance, and fingered their clothes in great curiosity. The women gasped in amazement at the sight of the visitors' skin, and chattered in wonderment when they noticed the blue or brown eyes of the newcomers.

But the greatest sensation of all was created when the policemen took off their boots, and revealed that they had feet like anyone else.

The leader of the police patrol, Mr. James Kent, reports that these were the friendliest, most hospitable, and most likeable people he had ever seen in many years of patrol work in New Guinea.

ENDLESS CURIOSITY

"We were introduced to their families, their wives, their sons, daughters-in-law, and children," he said. "They followed us everywhere and their curiosity and interest were endless."

The explorers stayed for 92 days in this part of New Guinea's central mountain range, near the source of the Fly River, being fêted continuously. They estimate the tribe's numbers at some 20,000. They seem to be a very peaceful people. Even their bows and arrows appear only to be used for shooting pigeons and game.

Each family lives in a little house built on top of tall tree-stumps, with separate entrances for men and women. Their villages are clean and free of rubbish.

Many questions are provoked by the discovery of these people, who seem so naturally peaceful and friendly, and anthropologists eagerly await more information.

DRIVING TO HIS OWN FIRE

The driver of the Hawkhurst, Kent, fire-engine arrived breathless at the fire-station after hearing the warning siren. Then he learned that the call was to his own home.

Having left there only a few moments earlier, he was sure it was a false alarm. But the brigade were in duty bound to answer the call, and so there was nothing for it but to jump on to his engine and drive it to his own house.

All was well. The only fire was in the grate. A neighbour had seen extra dense smoke from the chimney and had given the alarm.

One of the few



One of only 60 chosen for the Slade School of Fine Arts from over 2000 candidates, Avril Rowe, aged 20, is seen busy amid the beautiful surroundings of her home at Cadnam in Hampshire.



In good hands

These Kobe Samoyed pups seem proud to be in the arms of Elizabeth Craft, great-granddaughter of the founder of Craft's famous Dog Show. Their father was an international champion.

SCHOOLBOY'S OWN MUSEUM

Andrew Dean Sackville, eleven-year-old pupil of the Colwyn Bay Grammar School, has his own little museum.

Andrew began to collect curios when he was nine. Relatives and friends have since helped him along to such an extent that he has been able to open his own exhibition to the public in a room of his home. Visitors are asked to give a small donation which Andrew hands over to the British and Foreign Bible Society.

His present collection includes a fragment of coral from the Great Barrier Reef, pieces of ivory, coins from all parts of the world, and Japanese fans. Andrew hopes to become an archaeologist one day.

SIXTY YEARS OF CINEMA

The film lasted less than three minutes and merely showed people leaving a factory. But it was greeted with hearty applause when shown in Paris the other day. For it was an historic film and the audience were celebrating an historic occasion—that of the first film shown, in 1895, by the famous Lumière brothers.

Later in that same year the brothers opened what is claimed as the world's first cinema, in the basement of a Paris café. Admission was one franc, and on the first day only 33 francs were taken. But the news of this astonishing novelty spread, and before long there was "standing room only," and an average attendance of 2000 a day.

In those early times spectators often shrank back in their seats at the sight of a train coming straight at them—fearing it would leave the screen!

The Lumière brothers were not the actual inventors of the cinema-

tograph. Edison in 1889 gave a demonstration of a Kinetoscope, a box-like contrivance into which a person could peep and see a moving picture lasting less than a minute—one of the pictures showed a man sneezing!

In the same year an Englishman, Friese-Green, made the first moving-picture camera to use perforated celluloid film.

But the direct ancestor of the modern cinema is almost certainly that café basement where, 60 years ago, Parisians gasped in wonder and delight at the spectacle of real life shown moving on a screen.

FOR HIS OLD SCHOOL

Mr. Ernest Kirman, director of a Grimsby firm of biscuit makers, has given £25,000 for the building of a swimming bath at the Humberstone Foundation School.

He was educated there; but now he is chairman of the school governors.

The horse they saved



The girls in this picture are sitting on an old racehorse saved from slaughter by the children of their school, the County Primary at Bexley Heath in Kent.

The youngsters raised the £50 needed to buy it through the Dumb Friends' League. They sold comics, fruit, books, and so on, organised puppet shows at which admission was 1d., and in various ways built up their grand total.

Now the Dumb Friends' League has arranged for the rescued veteran to live on a farm. The Bexley Heath children were delighted when it was introduced to them at their school, and even more excited when 12 of them made a television appearance with it. This resulted in money being sent to them by supporters all over the country, and now they have enough to save another old horse.

MODEL RAILWAYS ON PARADE

A really splendid display of model railways can be seen this week at the Central Hall, Westminster. There are models of rolling stock painted in the colourful liveries of bygone days, with trackwork, signals, working models of steam locomotives, and much other railway equipment.

The models in the Upper Hall all come from the hands of members of the Model Railway Club—indeed, the “kitchen-table masterpieces” outnumber those from the workshop throughout the exhibition. In the Lower Hall, among other exciting items, British Railways are showing their excellent “O” gauge layout.

The exhibition, staged by the Model Railway Club, is open every day (April 12 to 16) until nine p.m. For boys and girls under 14 admission is 1s. 3d. Father will have to pay 2s. 6d.

THIS KIND WORLD

The Canterbury depot of British Road Services has on its staff a man whose skill with the paint-brush has given great pleasure to his colleagues. He is Mr. S. Woodcock, and he has painted country scenes on the walls of the canteen.

But Mr. Woodcock recently performed a kindly action which is even more worthy of note. He lives in the little village of Ash, and one of his neighbours is so badly paralysed that he could rarely see anything from his window but a blank wall.

Mr. Woodcock has now painted a countryside panorama, 12 feet by 8 feet, on this wall so that his less fortunate friend can sit and admire a typical rural scene.

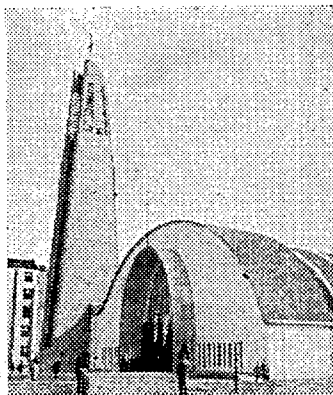
DICKENS READ IN THE ANTARCTIC

Few battered copies of familiar books have been more treasured than that of David Copperfield which Captain Scott's 1910-13 expedition took to the Antarctic. Recently this dog-eared volume was presented to the Headquarters of the Dickens Fellowship in London by the branch in Auckland, New Zealand.

In the Antarctic the book was read in long, dark winter by the light of seal-blubber lamps, and passed from one explorer to another. Proofs of the pleasure it gave those brave men are seen in the book's honourable scars—missing covers replaced by tattered brown paper, and pages soiled with grease, oil, and thumb-marks.

A New Zealand member of the expedition took it home, and the New Zealand High Commissioner recently handed it over to Mr. Peter Scott, son of Captain Scott, at the Dickens House.

New church



Bold architectural developments are shown in this new Catholic church in Berlin, which can hold 1500 worshippers.



By the C N Press Gallery Correspondent

FOR many years, interrupted only by the war, our M.P.s have been able to raise all kinds of subjects in a special debate at the end of each daily sitting.

It is called the Adjournment Debate from the fact that when it ends the Speaker automatically adjourns the House. This means that he brings the sitting to an end and our M.P.s do not meet again until the next sitting.

These special debates take place after official Government business has been completed and last a minimum of half an hour.

MINISTER IN ATTENDANCE

An M.P. ballots for the right to raise a matter on the adjournment, and provided that he does not bring up matters requiring a law to be made, amended, or repealed, he can deal with anything he likes.

A Minister, usually a Parliamentary Secretary or Under-Secretary, is in attendance to reply to the debate, in which as many back-benchers or Opposition front-benchers can speak as time permits.

But older M.P.s have recently pointed out that the adjournment debate, in its modern form, was never intended for the ventilation of big general subjects. The original aim was to discuss local or constituency matters.

BASIC IDEA

Thus if an M.P. cannot get satisfaction about some local worry in a brief Ministerial reply during Question Hour, he can expand the subject in a half-hour's adjournment debate and get a more complete explanation.

That is the basic idea. But it has been obscured by the increasing volume of big events happening in the world and the anxiety of M.P.s to bring them before the Commons during those very short periods when the House is not debating Government business.

With the help of the Speaker (Mr. W. S. Morrison) a new system comes into operation after the Easter recess. Its purpose is to ensure that not only local matters are aired but that matters of “immediate topical interest” are raised.

AVOIDING TIME-LAG

Priority will be given to those matters raised in this Question Hour if an M.P. is not satisfied with the answer he gets and gives notice that “in view of the unsatisfactory reply I propose to raise the matter on the adjournment.”

Because of the time-lag due to the uncertainties of the ballot, a matter which was topical at the time it was first brought to the attention of the House has often become stale and out of date by the time it has been debated on the adjournment. The new system has therefore been devised to cut down this waiting-time.

News from Everywhere

ROYAL FLYING DOCTORS

The title “Royal” is to be given to the Australian Flying Doctor Service.

Snakes took refuge from the recent New South Wales floods by crawling on the backs of swimming sheep.

An exhibition in Rotterdam during the summer will show the progress made by the Netherlands since the end of the war.

The BBC plans to commemorate the tenth anniversary of VE Day with a special series of broadcasts in May.

NINE FEET OF RAIN

Tully, in Northern Queensland, Australia's wettest town, recently had 30 inches of rain in three days. Since January 1 nine feet of rain has fallen on the town.

Norway has started to replace her steam railway locomotives with electric and diesel engines.

COST OF SNOW

Snowfalls are expensive. Clearing the roads in Aberdeenshire alone last winter cost £63,000.

Mr. George W. Chapman, an 86-year-old retired business man of Harrogate, has sent over 25 cheques totalling £12,000 to various charities and organisations as a thank-offering for his recovery from a serious illness.

FLYING HOLIDAY

A six-day residential course has been arranged by the Yorkshire Glider Club specially for young people at work.

The oldest woman in Scotland, Mrs. Robert Speir, has died at Bridge of Allan at the age of 107. She could remember the Crimean War and the death of the Duke of Wellington.

The population of the United States rose by nearly 3 million last year. It was the greatest yearly increase on record.

The first course in Interlingua, a new universal language for scientists and traders, is being held in New York this Spring.

205 MPH TRAIN

A French locomotive pulling three coaches reached 205½ m.p.h. near Bordeaux—a world record.

Rear-Admiral Byrd, the famed American Polar explorer, is to lead another expedition to the Antarctic in November.

Special piping classes are now held on the island of South Uist in the Outer Hebrides. Already 58 boys attend.

John Campbell, 14, of Middlesbrough has been awarded the Scout Gilt Cross for catching a runaway horse.

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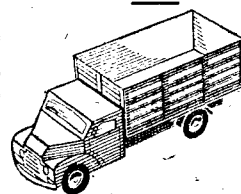
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NIGHT OUT FOR ABANAZAR

A budgerigar named Abanazar, belonging to the three children of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Sharp, of Bournemouth, flew out of his cage while it was being cleaned recently and made his way to the top of a very tall pine tree.

All the family's blandishments failed to induce him to return, and a little later he flew off towards the sea front. A search began, but he could not be found. The children were inconsolable, so their parents decided to advertise for the lost one.

Very soon they had a telephone call from a man who said he had seen a dejected-looking budgerigar in his garden and had carefully trapped him under a sieve.

Abanazar is now home again and none the worse for his night out.

SALE BY CANDLE

The centuries-old custom of the pin and candle auction for the grazing rights of a six-acre field has just taken place at Old Bolingbroke near Spilsby, Lincolnshire. The field was bequeathed to the village hundreds of years ago for the benefit of the poor, and the grazing rights are now let annually at an auction held by the parish council.

The chairman lights a candle and pushes in a heavy pin an inch below the flame. The successful bid is the one made as the pin falls, so bidding is slow at first but becomes brisk as the flame gets near the pin.

DOLL'S MUSEUM FOR WARWICK

The town of Warwick will soon have a doll's museum. Mrs. Joy Robinson is giving the town a collection of 1000 dolls and they will be housed in the 16th-century Oken's House in Castle Street.

Ranging from the Queen Anne period to that of Victoria, the dolls have been collected from many countries. They are of metal, china, paper, papier mâché, wood, rags, and leather.



OUR CHANGING WORLD

Three more illustrated booklets have been added to Hebe Spaul's interesting series, *The Changing Face of the World* (Rockliff, 1s. 9d. each). The new ones deal with Australasia, Asia, and Europe.

New dams and power stations, new airstrips and waterways, new towns and farmlands—all these and many other developments are described and pictured in these admirable little geography books, designed to show how modern man is altering the map and transforming the way of life all over the globe.

FLYING TOY BIRD

The first toy bird to fly successfully, flapping its wings, was recently shown at a New York toy fair. The 15-inch paper wings are attached by cranks to rubber bands in the body. As they unwind the wings flap up and down, making the model dive, soar, and swoop like a real bird.

Sprinting sisters

Dorothy Wood, 15, makes a smart practice start when her 17-year-old sister gives the word. Members of the Spartan Ladies' Athletic Club, they live at Southall, Middlesex.

FREEZING FISH AT SEA

An experiment in the rapid freezing of fish at sea is expected to have a great effect on the distant-water fishing industry. Over the next year £105,000 is to be spent on the experiment, and the oil-fired steam trawler *Northern Wave* has just left the Humber for the Icelandic fishing grounds on the first of a number of experimental trips.

She is the first standard-size distant-water trawler to be equipped for freezing fish at sea. The plant can handle five hundredweight an hour and is expected to freeze about 5000 stones of fish on each of the experimental trips. That is almost a quarter of her average catch.

Although freezing adds considerably to working costs—about £300 a day—it will enable trawlers to stay on the fishing grounds longer and put their storage capacity to the fullest use.

The experiment with the *Northern Wave* is being watched by trawler owners in Hull, Grimsby, and Fleetwood, and is financed by the White Fish Authority, the Government, and distant-water trawler owners.

YOUTH AND SAFETY

On April 30 forty young people from accident prevention committees in the Home Counties will gather at Uxbridge for a junior Road Safety conference. In the chair will be 17-year-old Eileen Roche.

During the three-hour conference delegates will each give a one-minute account of the activities in their own committees. Then there will be a quiz with a Road Safety film to follow. Mr. Arthur Hurt, Uxbridge's Road Safety Officer, says that they expect to share many useful ideas.

HOME ARE THE HERONS

Once more the herons have returned to their nesting-place near Chillham Castle in Kent, as herons are believed to have done for perhaps a thousand years. For this is the oldest and the biggest heronry in Britain; it is even mentioned in *Domesday Book*.

In the Middle Ages these graceful birds were strictly preserved as game in the royal sport of hawking.

They are a familiar sight at Chillham, flying over the village to their feeding grounds on the sea marshes, or standing angler-like on the banks of the Stour.

Oddly enough, a family named Heron once lived in the Castle, giving the modern Chillham Women's Institute two good reasons for having a heron on their banner.

VETERAN'S LAST VOYAGE

On the end of a towline behind a Dutch tug one of Australia's best-loved ships is making her last voyage—to the ship breakers. The cruiser *Australia* left Sydney at the end of March for the same breakers where ships like the *Rodney*, *Revenge*, and the *Nelson* were dismantled.

The *Australia* was built on the Clyde and commissioned in the Royal Australian Navy in 1928. During the war she took part in many of the Pacific landings and battles, suffering a great deal of damage.

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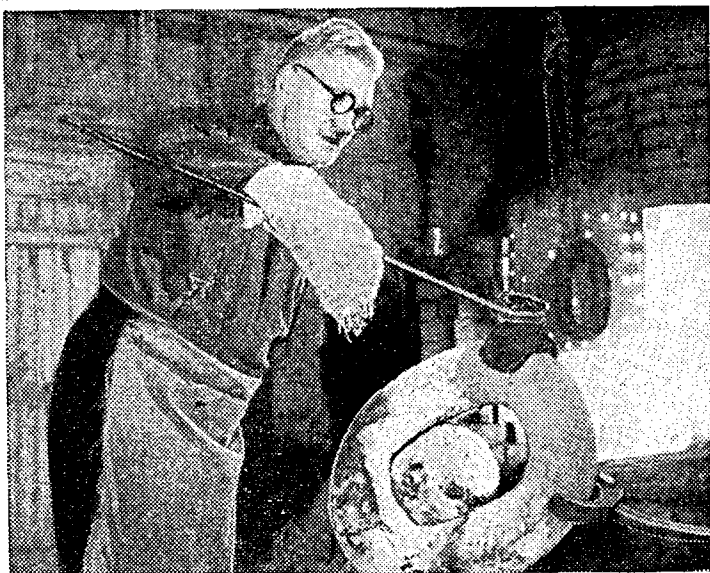
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Master smith

Welding the white hot ball of a cable swivel is Mr. John Henry Evans, one of Britain's ablest smiths. He has received the British Empire Medal for his 44 years of skilful and conscientious service to Brown, Lenox and Company, the marine engineering firm at Pontypridd in Glamorganshire.

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ZOO NEWS

WORDS ABOUT BIRDS

Big changes are planned for the gorilla house at London Zoo. Officials hope to reconstruct it as a large tropical aviary for birds of paradise.

"We have four of these birds at the moment," said Mr. John Yealland, the curator of birds. "They are a Greater, a Red, a King, and a Wilson's. But one of our collectors, Mr. Wilfred Frost, is at present in New Guinea getting new specimens. We expect him home with his catch during the Spring.

"If, as is possible, he has a dozen or more specimens, we propose to build several large flight

genuine "homers," but it is hoped that they will be sufficient to keep the rest from straying.

Rapidly achieving fame as the "star" of the rodent house is Frosty, the Bosman's potto, a furry-coated little animal who came from West Africa a year or two ago.

Like many lemurs, the potto is usually a night-prowler, preying on insects and birds' eggs. Frosty, however, has adapted himself so readily to Zoo life that he now comes out and about in the daytime, and keepers are taking him increasingly from his cage for petting by visitors.

HANDLING FROSTY

Frosty has such gentle ways that even the youngest child can safely stroke him. His rewards for good behaviour on these outings are always the same—raisins.

On occasions, Frosty now leaves the rodent house for visits elsewhere. Recently, he was taken over to the restaurant to appear at a party. He has also appeared on television.

Visitors handling this gentle potto are given only one warning: Always allow Frosty to move about of his own accord. To try to pull him away from his perch might invite a bite.

A pair of great tits which, last Spring, "gatecrashed" the wading birds' aviary, nested, and reared their brood there, are back again.

"The birds last year nested in the ivy surrounding one of the vertical roof supports," said Head-keeper Hubert Jones. "When the

Born yesterday



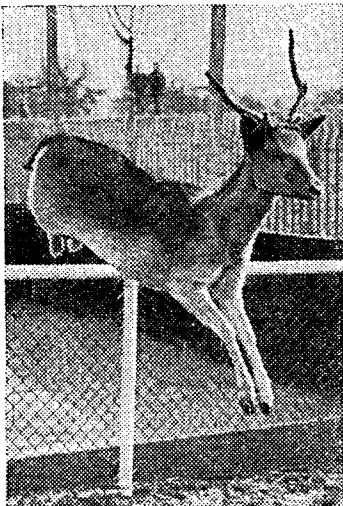
Seen here the day after they were born, these twin kids have been delighting visitors at the Maidstone Zoo Park in Kent. Their mother, Mary, poses proudly in the background.

family finally left the aviary I thought they had gone for good. But now the parent birds are back again and are apparently looking for another nesting site. I am sure it is the same pair, as both are so tame with me that they will take food from my hand.

"At first I was puzzled as to how the tits managed to get in and out of the aviary. But after watching them closely I saw how this was done. In one upper corner of the wire mesh there is a hole just large enough for them to slip through."

CRAVEN HILL

Now it's Spring



Friday, the fallow deer, does a few Springtime dance steps at the Children's Zoo in London's Regent's Park.

aviaries inside the gorilla house. The main purpose behind the scheme is a special effort to breed these birds, which will only nest when housed in big and well-heated aviaries. Up to now, there is only one instance of a bird of paradise having bred in this country. That success was achieved by Paignton Zoo, which, some 20 years ago, bred two Red birds of paradise."

The London Zoo's newly-built aviary for homing budgerigars, now containing over 100 birds, will be opened at noon next Monday by the Duke of Bedford. The duke will unveil a bronze plaque bearing a tribute to his father from "Aviculturists all over the world."

FREEDOM IN CAPTIVITY

It was the late duke who evolved the special strain known as "homing" budgerigars, and many of the birds, now at Regent's Park formerly belonged to him.

After the unveiling, keepers will open doors in the aviary roof, and the budgerigars will be free to fly in and out.

"In practice, we expect only the males to venture out at first," said Mr. Yealland. "The females will be nesting. But they—and any young birds they hatch—should also go out at a later date. By the end of the summer the whole flock should be roaming the grounds at will."

Only about 30 of the birds are

IT HAPPENED
THIS WEEK

King loses his sword

APRIL 14, 1810. LONDON—The gossips here are busy today discussing the strange affair of the statue of King Charles I at Charing Cross, which last night lost its sword, buckle, and straps.

These accoutrements were picked up by a Mr. Moxam, porter of the Golden Cross Hotel, who handed them for safe-keeping to Mr. Eyre, a tradesman. Mr. Eyre has informed the Board of Green Cloth—the authority at St. James's Palace responsible for public monuments—of the mysterious happening.

The statue, claimed by many to be the finest equestrian statue in



Britain, represents the King in armour and bareheaded. On the hoof of the near foreleg of the horse is the name of the sculptor and the date of its casting.

The sculptor, Hubert le Sueur, cast the statue in 1633 in a plot of ground near the church in Covent Garden, and it was saved from early destruction under romantic circumstances.

After the Civil War Parliament sold it to a Mr. John Rivet, a brassfounder near Holborn, with strict orders that he must break it into pieces. Instead he buried it safely in his garden.

On the Restoration of Charles II, the statue was unearthed, and in 1674 it was erected on the site of Charing Cross.

U.S. faces civil war

APRIL 15, 1861. WASHINGTON—Mr. Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, today issued a proclamation calling out the militia in the States of the Union.

Outbreak of war between the two combinations of States in the Union is now inevitable. The southern states have left the Union and are banded together under the title of "Confederate States" with their own president, Mr. Jefferson Davis. One of the demands of the Confederate States is that the system of negro slavery should continue to be recognised as lawful.

During the past few weeks many United States army posts in the southern states have already been surrendered, their stores seized and their garrisons sent north.

RADIO AND TV

BEHIND THE SCENES

How a newspaper is produced

THE national newspaper stoppage lends special interest to Paper, Sir! the new fortnightly documentary series in Children's TV, beginning on Wednesday, April 13. This is a behind-the-scenes account of your daily newspaper, covering everything from the news to advertisements, the printing of millions of copies, and their despatch by van, train, and plane all over the country and abroad.

Wednesday's programme, all about the news side, will show life in the newspaper offices and editorial rooms



Robin Willett

and the work outside, tracing an exciting happening from the moment it is reported until the

story appears in print. The event chosen is the rescue by a little girl of a small boy on the railway line.

The two parts will be played by Rosemary Giles and Robin Willett, who are both 12.

You will remember Rosemary as Janie in Heidi Grows Up. Robin's last TV part was Charles in that exciting play The House with a Secret. At Christmas he appeared in Peter Pan at the Scala Theatre, London.

Sports under and on the water

UNDERWATER sport is becoming a craze, so many viewers will tune in eagerly next Saturday to a unique outside broadcast from the Ironmonger Row Baths, London. TV cameras in moisture-proof cases will be shooting below water at a number of demonstrations.

Aqua-lung experts will be showing how photographs are taken under water, frogmen of the Royal Marine Volunteer Reserve will demonstrate submarine tactics, and Robert Harbin, so well-known in Children's TV, will be manacled and chained for a dive.

Above water, model boat enthusiasts will see some of the latest radio-controlled craft, including a replica of a boat that began as a cross-Channel steamer, was sunk at Dunkirk, salvaged by the Germans, and eventually captured by the Russians. TV commentator is Brian Johnston.

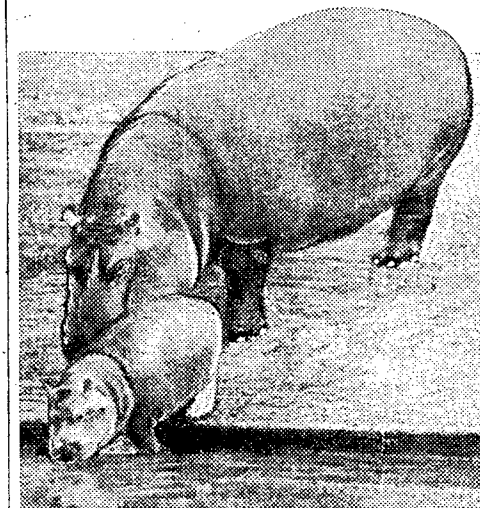
Life on the Underground

SATURDAY EXCURSION in Children's Hour on April 16 will go underground for a Day in the Life of a London Tube Train. Recording microphones will be taken in tunnels and there will be chats with guards, station-masters, sig-

nalmen, and many odd-job people whose work is rarely seen by the general public. In the team of commentators are Michael Henderson, Douglas Fleming, Alan Dixon, and Robert Reid.

Just a year ago David of Children's Hour was privileged to name the baby hippo at Whipsnade Zoo. Reginald was the choice, and since then many young listeners must have wondered how the newcomer was getting on. A few days ago John Lane went to Whipsnade with a tape recorder to interview Reginald and his friends. We can hear all this in Saturday Excursion, too.

The programme will end with a visit to a drum factory.



Reginald the baby hippo with his mother

ERNEST THOMSON

PARADISE OF BIRDS

A visit to the Severn Wild Fowl Trust



Mr. Peter Scott, Director of the Trust, with some Snow Geese



The shelter by the decoy enables one to see without being seen

ONE thing which you may surely promise yourself during a visit to the Severn Wild Fowl Trust is that you will never forget it.

I was fortunate in arriving on a bright Spring day when the birds were in their most brilliant plumage and the sunshine made the very most of what must be the loveliest colours in all Nature's paintbox.

The main entrance, by a kind of rustic ticket office, leads to the Rushy Pen. This consists of a marshy meadow cut up into ponds, part natural, part artificial. On the left is a series of pools broken by islands. On the right is a single pond at a slightly higher level.

FLOATING AND CALLING

On this particular morning a large fleet of ducks of perhaps 20 different species were swimming and floating and calling to each other, watched by an equal number gathered on the bank.

The next thing I noticed was that this is not just a pond with ducks and geese. It is a place where these birds are studied in the interests of science and of art.

On the far side is a long line of buildings. At the one end is the old farmhouse. Next comes a long low building, where members of the Trust can stay if they wish. And then, rather like the engine at the front end of a train, is the house of the Director himself, Mr. Peter Scott.

HOW TO PAINT WILD FOWL

He has a great plate glass window right on the water and through it I could see a canvas on an easel on which this famous bird artist paints, from only a few feet away, specimens which come from some of the wildest and most inaccessible places in the world.

Are these wild fowl really tame ones after all, you may wonder, as some of them come waddling up to you over the grass, crowd around your shoes, and take bread out of your hand?

The answer is neither yes nor no. All the birds belong to wild species, but many of them have

been hand-reared here. Others have been brought or sent by different friends of the Trust. Some of these "tame" birds have had their feathers cut so that they are unable to fly for the time being. Others, just as tame, have the full use of their wings, come and go as they please and, having flown away to the ends of the Earth to breed, return next season.

On this pond you will also find completely wild birds which have just joined the party. After swimming round for some days among the crowd they gradually learn that the curious creatures on the bank are not only harmless but have a way of dropping tasty food. (A baker delivers a large quantity of specially-baked brown loaves daily for the purpose.)

The very first bird I saw in the Rushy Pen, was a Comb Duck, all by itself on an island in one



Blue Snow Goose showing fight—but usually nothing comes of it

of the lower ponds, peeping cautiously over a grass tuft. I could see little of him except a green-black back and a yellowish neck, but the guide told me he hailed from Africa and the southern parts of Asia, from India to south-east China.

The edges of the pond were frozen and beside the ice stood a company of grey, black, and white Barnacle geese with cream cheeks. They breed in Greenland. There was an Emperor Goose from Alaska, grey with a black and white neck—half-and-half like a

football shirt—and a head which seemed covered in white wool. There was a Coscoroba Swan from the Argentine with a bright red beak, and the very handsome Shelducks and Shelgeese which have the worst tempers of any birds in the Trust.

Beyond all this was a sort of private lawn for the ducklings. They are hatched out either in incubators or under bantam hens, and then turned out onto this lawn with big concrete troughs where they can practise swimming.

GRAZING GEESSE

Next I went out to the big earth bank which keeps the River Severn from flooding the place, climbed up inside a concrete tower, and looked out across a huge space of grass. I gazed through a pair of four-foot-long binoculars and I could see the whitefronted geese, a hundred or two, feeding on the grass they love, and walking forward as they ate, just like grazing cattle.

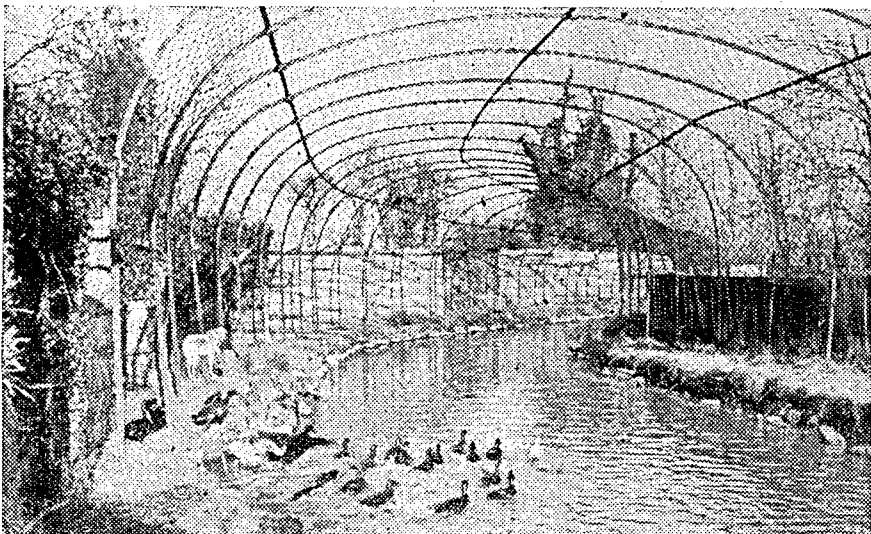
Everything was planned so that one could see without being seen. Wild geese have been feeding here on these grasslands for centuries.

The same secrecy is observed at the duck decoy, a pond shaped like the Mermaid's Purse you find on beaches. Each of the four arms of the pond, roofed over with string netting, gets narrower till it forms a funnel. The ducks will swim into the funnels to mob a dog which is trained to dodge in and out of screens along the edge. At the far end they are caught, ringed for future identification, and set free.

PETER SCOTT'S LECTURE

Mr. Peter Scott is giving a lecture at the Royal Festival Hall on April 23 at 3 p.m. This will be a grand chance to hear more about the lovely creatures which you may visit for yourself, any day, at the Severn Valley Wild Fowl Trust. It is at Slimbridge, near Gloucester, and for the bird-lover there is no place in these islands which offers a more rewarding experience.

A. V. I.



One of the funnels of the decoy with ducks entering to mob the dog, seen on the left



Wild birds, after being with tame ones, will soon feed like this

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MAN OF THE PEOPLE

PARLIAMENT has decided to set up a monument to the memory of Earl Lloyd George, Britain's dauntless leader in the First World War, and a pioneer of the Welfare State.

It is a decision the whole nation can applaud. The Health Insurance and Old Age Pensions introduced by this great statesman were the first large-scale efforts made in this country to safeguard everyone from the bitter humiliations and distress wrought by poverty in the bad old days.

"Throughout his long life he kept close to the beating heart of the people," said Mr. Attlee in his recent tribute to this great man.

In that beating heart will David Lloyd George always be remembered.

WELL SKIPPERED!

VOICES as well as eyebrows were raised when Len Hutton became our first professional cricket captain.

It was said that he lacked imagination, that he was too cautious, that his batting would be affected—these were just a few of the criticisms. But the critics are silent now.

True, Len Hutton did not get the number of runs we have come to expect from him. But his shrewd leadership and personal example more than made up for them.

Pudsey is rightly proud of Len Hutton; and so is all England!



OUR HOMELAND

A corner of the Wiltshire village of Aldbourne mirrored in the village pond

The Editor's Table

DRUDGE WHO BECAME A SAINT

ONCE upon a time there lived in Tuscany a little household drudge named Zita. Now, nearly 700 years after her death, the Vatican has officially proclaimed her patron saint of domestic servants.

St. Zita was a Cinderella without a golden slipper or a fair prince. She was of no importance. All her life she was ill-used by her employers and her fellow-servants.

But after her death they began to remember little things about her. They remembered that she had always been patient, always cheerful, always kind.

And those, surely, are the best of all qualities by which to be remembered.

To the man who is twelve years old

THERE'S a man that I know, and he lives near you, In a town called Everywhere; You might not think he's a man from his hat

Or the clothes he may chance to wear;

But under the jacket with many a patch

Is a heart more precious than gold—

The heart of a man 'neath the coat of a boy,

A man who is twelve years old.

We never may know what the future will make

Of the boys that we carelessly meet,

For many a statesman is now at school,

And presidents play in the street.

The hand that is busy with play-things now

The reins of power will hold;

So I take off my hat and gladly salute

This man who is twelve years old.

Maurice Smiley

JUST AN IDEA

As the Earl of Chesterfield wrote: If we do not plant knowledge when young, it will give us no shade when we are old.

The Best of Gifts

SINCE the end of the war Australia has welcomed thousands of immigrants from Europe and these "New Australians," nearly all wish to become naturalised citizens of the land of their adoption. After five years they may swear allegiance to her Majesty the Queen, holding the Bible in their right hand. Until recently the Bibles were loaned. Now the British and Foreign Bible Society presents a Bible to each new Australian. A happy idea!

Well loaded



A smiling Gold Coast boy carries his pet kid to school—as well as his "elevenes."

Think on These Things

WHEN Jesus was arrested his disciples deserted Him and fled; their courage vanished, and they were in despair. And yet a few weeks later they were found in the streets of Jerusalem boldly preaching and proclaiming that Jesus was risen from the dead and had appeared unto them.

What is the explanation of this amazing change? It must surely be that they had seen Jesus alive after His crucifixion, and that He had shown them unmistakably that He had risen from the dead.

The Church could not have come into being if Jesus had not risen from the dead. The resurrection changed everything, for it made it clear that Jesus had overcome death and sin. O. R. C.

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, April 18, 1925

DAYLIGHT saving is secure at last, and appropriately enough a doctor has been telling us what a big help to sick people and children it is.

We have heard so much about the advantages and disadvantages of Daylight Saving from the point of view of business and the farmer that we are apt to overlook its value in another way. At the end of the winter many children are suffering from a kind of light hunger, but when better light comes with the Spring it brings a surprising increase of health and happiness with it.

(See page 7)

THEY SAY . . .

I THINK the shorter T V hours are, the better.

Sir George Barnes,
head of B B C television

THERE is a danger of us older folk thinking that in our youth we were a lot better than the present generation. To put it another way, "My granny's dumplings were aye best."

Mrs. Jean Roberts,
Glasgow City Treasurer

IN this country we have a great educational ladder but I regret some people are not satisfied with a ladder and want to replace it with an escalator.

Dr. F. C. Couzens, headmaster,
Hyde County Grammar
School, Cheshire

NEWS on the wireless isn't quite the same, somehow; there's nothing like seeing it in print.

Heard during the strike affecting the national newspapers

WORD QUIZ

Can you say whether a, b, or c gives the correct meaning of the following five words?

- 1 CASSOCK
a Kneeling cushion
b Hillock of grass
c Clergyman's long tunic
- 2 VERACIOUS
a Ravenous
b Fierce
c Speaking the truth
- 3 OPIATE
a Drug containing opium
b Not transmitting light
c Block up or obstruct
- 4 BALUSTER
a Boisterous blowing
b Short pillar
c A long pillow
- 5 ANGUINE
a Blood red or confident
b Ant eater
c Snake-like

Answers on page 12

Out and About

THIS country has a great variety of waterfowl, both residents and seasonal visitors. The ducks, with their varying habits and colours, are perhaps the most attractive, and just now their new and gleaming plumage is a brilliant sight on the sunlit pond or river.

Many of them are described in a few words by Walter de la Mare in *This Year, Next Year*, a lovely poem which includes these lines:

*The wild, wild Mallard in chestnut flies,
Steel blue, and emerald green,
Low head outstretched, and bead-dark eyes,
He arrows through the empty skies
As evening dusk sets in.*

Although the Mallard is also known as the Wild Duck, most of our ducks are just as wild.

C. D. D.

Next Week's Birthdays

April 17

Sir Leonard Woolley (1880). Archaeologist famed for his discoveries on the site of Ur of the Chaldees, the city of Abraham, which he began in the 1920's.

April 18

Queen Frederika of Greece (1917). The post-war care of Greek children has been her special concern. "We must put ourselves at the disposal of the people," she has said. "We are not to be served, but to serve."

April 19

Edward Pellew, Viscount Exmouth (1757-1833). An Admiral of the Napoleonic Wars, renowned for his personal bravery. He earned his viscountcy, as well as several honours from foreign countries, by securing the release of 3000 Christian slaves from the Dey of Algiers in 1816.

April 20

Napoleon III (1808-1873). Nephew of Napoleon Bonaparte, he believed destiny had called



him to rule over France. He achieved his ambition in 1852 when he was proclaimed Emperor after only a year as President. Perhaps his most enduring memorial is Paris, rebuilt in his reign with fine boulevards and impressive public buildings.

April 21

Friedrich Wilhelm August Froebel (1782-1852). German educational reformer who believed that very young children could learn best by developing their natural talents, and particularly through play. He opened his first "kindergarten"—garden of children—in 1837.

April 22

Kathleen Ferrier (1912-1953). She was a Civil Servant and an amateur when she took her first singing lesson in 1940. In a tragically short life she became one of the finest contralto singers this country has ever known.



April 23

William Shakespeare (1564-1616). There is some doubt about whether the date is exact, but what more appropriate than that England's glory should have been born on the day of her patron saint, St. George. It is certain, however, that April 23 was also the date on which he died.

The Children's Newspaper, April 16, 1955

THE MAN WHO SAVED DAYLIGHT

When the clocks go forward one hour, early next Sunday morning, to mark the beginning of Summer Time, we should remember William Willett, the builder, who first thought of adjusting our clocks and watches to make the most of summer daylight.

For many years William Willett lived on the edge of Chislehurst Common, in Kent. He felt strongly that the best part of the day was the hours just after dawn, and he rose every fine morning at six o'clock and rode across the common before he started his day's work.

One fresh, dewy morning, as he rode homewards, he glanced up at the drawn curtains of the houses he was passing and thought of what all those other people were missing.

At his work that day the thought kept turning in his mind until the bright idea struck him: why should clocks not be put on an hour in the summer so that people would rise an hour earlier from bed without realising it?

Full of this idea, William Willett started to talk to other people about it. He wrote many letters to newspapers and tried to persuade Members of Parliament to make the change of hour into a law.

Many people ridiculed his idea, however, until the First World War, when it was realised that Willett's idea could save a great deal of coal, in the form of gas and electric light; and so the law was passed.

Sunday, May 21, 1916, was the first day of Summer Time, and it was such a lovely, sunny day that most people were delighted to be up an hour earlier and enjoy a longer evening. Willett's extra hour was such a success that many other countries also took up the idea.

Today in Pett's Wood, near Chislehurst Common, where he loved to ride, stands a stone with a sundial on top in memory of William Willett.

Fittingly, it records only Summer Time.

KNOW WHAT YOU SEE

9. Yews in churchyards

The belief that yews were planted in churchyards to provide the bows for our archers seems to gather strength with the years. Although they may have provided some, the wood for bows is known to have been supplied from the huge Forest of Bowland in Lancashire.



Yews in Painswick Churchyard, Gloucestershire.

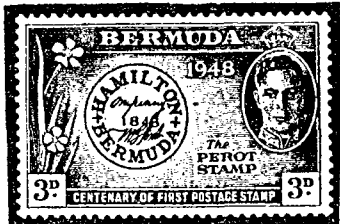
There were also other large forests that included many yew trees. Probably a great many were made, too, from the wych elm.

It is much more likely that yews were planted in churchyards to provide shelter from wind and driving rain for the church processions which were held at all seasons of the year. Probably they also supplied the evergreen branches which were carried in these processions.

You will have noticed that the yews in some churchyards are periodically trimmed. It takes a man the better part of a day to clip a single large one. In many old churchyards yews have been allowed to grow freely. One of these, in Crowhurst Churchyard, Sussex, has a girth of 34 feet. It is the largest, and probably, therefore, the oldest, in the south of England. The specimen in the churchyard at Darley Dale, Derbyshire, is even larger, and is reputed to be 2000 years of age. If this is so, it must have been already in its prime when King Canute was still in his cradle.

M. T.

STAMP ALBUM



1940 MARKED THE CENTENARY OF POSTAGE STAMPS. SINCE THAT DATE MANY COUNTRIES (MOSTLY BRITISH COLONIES) HAVE COMMEMORATED THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR FIRST STAMPS BY AN ISSUE WHICH INCLUDED THE ORIGINAL DESIGN

STAMPS ON STAMPS



EXAMPLES: BERMUDA REPRODUCED THE STAMP ISSUED BY HER FIRST POSTMASTER, PEROT. SOUTH AFRICA DEPICTED THE FAMOUS "CAPE TRIANGULAR". MEXICO PAID BRITAIN THE COMPLIMENT OF REPRODUCING THE "PENNY BLACK", THE FIRST POSTAGE STAMP EVER ISSUED.

NEW FILMS

DID THE DREAM COME TRUE?

Thirteen aboard a plane headed for disaster

Most people find it fascinating to think about the possibility that a dream can come true, writes our Film Critic. At the beginning of the new film *The Night My Number Came Up*, a naval commander describes a dream he has had about an air crash; and what makes the film more and more exciting as it goes on is the way everything seems to fall into the pattern of his dream.

He describes the dream at a dinner party in Hong Kong, where there are three other guests who have to make a flight the following day. But they regard it as merely an interesting story, and do not worry very much, for in the dream there are so many things that are different from what has been arranged for their flight.



Thumbs up! Nigel Stock as the pilot

For one thing, they are sure there will be only three of them apart from the crew of the aircraft—making eight in all; whereas, according to the commander's dream, there would be eight passengers, including a Very Important Person and a young woman.

But before the flight starts, as a result of accidents and changes made at the last minute, their number is made up to eight. First to be added to the passenger list is an important Foreign Office official, who brings a girl stenographer with him to make notes at the conference he is to attend. Then room is found for two soldiers who have to get back from leave.

The soldiers do not have to go farther than Okinawa, which is the half-way point of the flight, and when they have left the party the others (and especially one of them, a civil servant who takes the dream very seriously) breathe a sigh of relief. But then, unexpectedly, a business man and his secretary take their places.

As the flight continues towards Tokyo, nearly everybody on board knows that all is now—so far—exactly as it was in the dream. And the dream ended in a disaster on the rocky coast of Japan!

The suspense and excitement are very great as we watch to see what will happen. Critics are



Little Dog, played by Jeffrey Hunter

asked not to reveal the secret of how the film ends, and so I will say no more than that you should all find this a very gripping and enjoyable film.

A FOREWORD tells us that everything shown in another new film, *White Feather*, actually happened. It is about a young surveyor (Robert Wagner) who went to Wyoming in 1877 to prepare for the building of new towns there. We see him arrive at Fort Laramie, where there is a troop of cavalry under the command of a colonel (John Lund) who is at first rather suspicious of him.

It is a very dangerous, tricky situation, because on the other side of the river there are several tribes of Indians with whom the colonel is trying to arrange a peace treaty. All these tribes are willing to sign except one—the Cheyennes.

The story is about the way the young surveyor, by reason of his friendship with the proud young chief of the Cheyennes (Jeffrey Hunter), helps in bringing about the signing of the treaty.

The young chief, even though his father, Chief Broken Hand, does sign, is bitterly opposed to it. He throws down the challenge, a white feather fixed to a knife, and—with one other Indian brave as determined as himself—dies fighting the whole troop of cavalry.

There are exciting battle scenes with hundreds of horsemen—and the long CinemaScope screen shows the magnificent rocky country of Wyoming so well that you can almost feel the wind from the mountains.



A tense moment as the occupants feel the aircraft bump in the storm

? PUZZLE CORNER ?



What country does this stamp come from? (Answer on page 12)

Answer to last week's puzzle
The Cross of Lorraine is generally accepted as the symbol of Tuberculosis Relief funds.



FISHY STORY

THE 72-CENT VALUE OF THE LATEST BRITISH GUIANA

DEPICTS THE ARAPAIMA, THE BIGGEST FRESH-WATER FISH IN THE WORLD. THIS MONSTER CAN ATTAIN A LENGTH OF 15 FEET AND WEIGH 400 POUNDS. THE ARAPAIMA IS CAUGHT IN THE RIVERS OF GUIANA. THE NATIVES USE THE FISH'S TOOTHED JAWBONE FOR SCRAPING GOURDS.

PILGRIMAGE TO GUILDFORD

A great pilgrimage is to be made on April 17 to mark the beginning of work on the nave of Guildford Cathedral. Princess Margaret has promised that she will attend the ceremony.

Thousands of pilgrims from many parts of Surrey will form a procession at the foot of Stag Hill, on which the unfinished building stands, and they will be joined by crowds of schoolchildren dressed in white and carrying Spring flowers mounted on sticks, and by groups from every parish in the diocese with their banners. The pilgrim host will then move up to the cathedral where a service is to be held in the open before a temporary altar.

The construction of the nave in Surrey's first cathedral has been made possible by the collection of £175,000 in donations. Much of the money was raised by the sale of half-crown bricks which, signed by the donors, will become part of the fabric.

WORK ALREADY DONE

Work has been going on actively in the part of the cathedral already built. The chancel floor has been laid with Purbeck freestone, and the floor of the Queen's Chapel with Ashburton marble and travertine from Italy. Stout English oak, some of it from parts of Surrey, has been used for doors, seats, and chairs.

Two pairs of bronze doors which are being made for the south transept are adorned with designs showing men and women engaged in everyday tasks; men reaping and fishing, women nursing the sick, teaching children, and so on.

Guildford's Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit, standing on a bold site within full view of a busy by-pass road to the south and west, will be a true symbol to future generations of 20th-century faith.

THE F.A. AMATEUR CUP

WAS FIRST PUT UP FOR COMPETITION IN SEASON 1893-4, WHEN IT WAS WON BY OLD CARTHUSIANS

THIS CLUB HAD WON THE F.A. CUP THIRTEEN YEARS PREVIOUSLY AND THE RECORD OF CARRYING OFF BOTH NATIONAL SOCCER TROPHIES HAS STILL TO BE EQUALLED

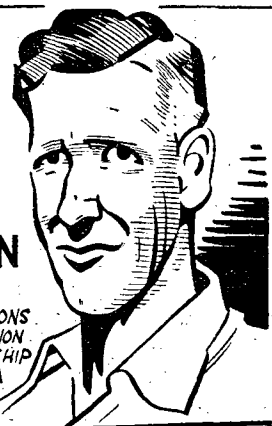


Sporting Flashbacks

RETURNING TO HIS NATIVE AUSTRALIA AT THE END OF THE PRESENT LEAGUE SOCCER SEASON IS THE PRESTON NORTH END CENTRE-HALF

JOE MARSTON

HE HAS FIGURED IN ENGLISH FOOTBALL FOR ONLY FIVE SEASONS BUT IN THAT SHORT TIME HAS WON A SECOND DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP MEDAL, TAKEN PART IN THE F.A. CUP FINAL, AND PLAYED FOR THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE



OF THE 92 PROFESSIONAL CLUBS THAT MAKE UP THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE, ONLY ONE—MIDDLESBROUGH—CAN CLAIM TO BE PAST WINNERS OF THE AMATEUR CUP... (THE CLUB HAS BEEN TWICE AMATEUR, TWICE PROFESSIONAL)

HARNESSING THE WATERS OF EVEREST

Waters flowing down through the Sarda River valley from the glaciers of Mount Everest and other giants of the Himalayas are being harnessed to turn thousands of India's thirsty acres into fields properly irrigated for the cultivation of rice.

The western frontier of Nepal with India is formed by the River Sarda, and across this stream the Indian Government is building the Banbassa Barrage, 2000 feet long. It stretches like a great wall right across the course of the wild Sarda River and has already formed an artificial lake. From this a network of canals takes the dammed-up water to the thirsty land.

Eighty years wed

The longest recorded marriage in this country, mentioned in the CN in February, ended recently when 99-year-old Mr. John Adcock died at Barnsley, Yorkshire. It had lasted 80 years and four months.

Mrs. Adcock celebrated her 100th birthday at the beginning of this year.

Each Spring a sharp watch must be kept on the Sarda as the snows of the Everest range begin to melt and loosen, and the water volume steadily increases. The river engineers must be always one jump ahead of the raging torrent which soon accumulates, and be ready to improvise temporary banks at very short notice in order to guide the flow.

The colossal volume of water breaks the banks every year, carrying trees and boulders and valuable soil away in its Spring flood. The river is so wild that it constantly threatens to find a new course for itself.

The Sarda waters are also being harnessed to provide electricity as well as food, and the turbines were put in during construction but before the barrage was complete. During March the engineers were confronted with a mass of trees and logs carried down by the winter flood. Had this debris been allowed to flow on it might have smashed the new electric turbines and left the work of installation to be done all over again.

An urgent call went out to build

a rack, or grill, in front of the gates of the main irrigation canal, to hold back the floating wood. A number of short steel lengths had to be welded together, and volunteers from the Bareilly Agricultural Workshops were asked for. A team of welders went up the Sarda to the great Barrage and all through the hot day, and into the night, too, they worked to weld the grill into a solid steel shield right across the river.

Three hours before the canal gates had to open to let the life-saving water through to the parched plains, and into the turbines to make electricity, the job was done.

Medal for Emlyn Williams

Mr. Emlyn Williams was presented recently with the World Medal of the Y.M.C.A., a distinction held by few Welshmen. The presentation was made at the Arcadia Theatre, Llandudno, after Mr. Williams had given two of his now famous impersonations of Charles Dickens reading his own works.

DOGS WITH THE SEEING EYE

Robert Curtis is master of the dogs with the "seeing eye" in the United States, and he has hundreds of farmers' children ready to help him.

For The Seeing Eye is the organisation started by Robert Curtis for training Alsatian dogs to guide blind people. He quickly discovered, however, that the early part of a dog's training matters as much as the later part which teaches him to take a blind person across a busy street.

Many of the Alsatian puppies which the Seeing Eye bred to guide the blind, never had a real home to live in before they went to the training kennels. So Robert Curtis sent out to farmers' children in the State of New Jersey and asked them to take a dog to live with them, and more than 1000 dogs have now been adopted in this way.

THINGS HE MUST LEARN

An Alsatian puppy is taken soon after birth and treated just like an ordinary dog. He learns to find his way about a house, and learns to understand the ordinary domestic noises made by a baby crying, a radio, a typewriter, or a car engine. He learns to walk across a slippery floor, and up and down stairs, all of which he will have to do with responsibility when he becomes a guide dog.

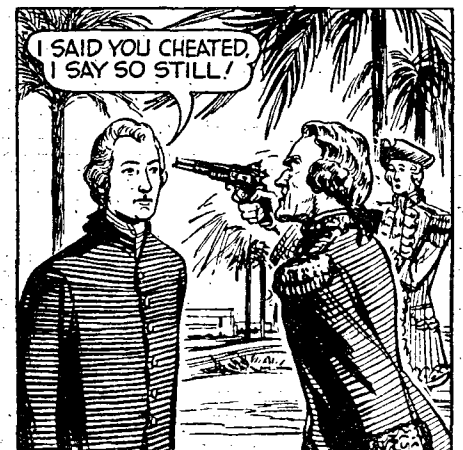
The Seeing Eye organisation pays the equivalent of £3 a month towards the keep of each guide-to-the-blind dog, and he is also given a silver medallion, engraved with the dog's name, as a keepsake. After a year in the farmer's home the dog is taken away for training, and when it is placed with a blind owner the child receives news of the place where the dog is living. So the link is maintained between the puppy's first home and the home where it is the "seeing eye" for a blind person.

CLIVE OF INDIA—new picture-story of the soldier who founded an empire (1)

Robert Clive, one of England's most adventurous soldiers, and the founder of British power in India, was a Shropshire lad. He was born near Market Drayton on

September 29, 1725, the son of a well-to-do landowner and lawyer. Robert was a delicate child, and before he was three he was sent to live with an aunt and uncle at

Manchester, possibly because that was considered a healthier locality for him. Some years later he returned to Market Drayton and went to the Grammar School there.



At school he became noted for his feats of daring. Once he amazed the townsfolk by perching himself on a gargoyle near the top of the tower of Market Drayton church. In 1737 he was sent to Merchant Taylor's School in London, and two years later he went to a private school at Hemel Hempstead to learn book-keeping. In 1742 a post was obtained for him as "writer" or clerk in the East India Company.

In 1744 Clive reached Madras, then a settlement of British merchants who had acquired land from the Indian ruler of this region. Robert was bitterly disappointed with his new job. He had hoped for a life of adventure, but found nothing other than dull office routine—not the kind of work he liked. He was, however, allowed to use the Governor's library, where he devoured books on warfare, and studied the native language.

Real adventure came in 1746. Britain and France were at war, and a force from the French settlement at Pondicherry, farther down the coast, attacked Madras. The fort there was in no state to resist, and the Governor surrendered to the French commander, La Bourdonnais. Clive looked on resentfully as the enemy marched in. Later, with some other Englishmen, he escaped to Fort St. David, a British post near Pondicherry.

At Fort St. David there was much card-playing. Once Clive caught an officer cheating, and he refused to pay him. The other, a notable bully, challenged him to a duel. Robert fired and missed—perhaps deliberately. Then his opponent held his pistol to his head and demanded payment of the gambling debt. "What if I refuse?" asked Clive. "Then I fire!" replied the other. "Fire and be hanged!" retorted Robert.

Clive is in the first of many tight corners. See next week's instalment.

Follow the fortunes of the Radio schoolboy

OUR FRIEND JENNINGS

By Anthony Buckeridge

Jennings and Darbishire have written a play which they are hoping to perform at the end-of-term concert. Everything goes wrong during the early rehearsals and the authors are obliged to postpone work on the production until later in the term.

17. Change of plan

It was some weeks after half-term before Jennings and Darbishire were again able to gather their cast together for rehearsals of the Mystery of the Mysterious Miser. A mild epidemic of 'flu claimed Venables and Atkinson among its victims, and by the time they had recovered their health and high spirits they had forgotten every word of their parts.

To make matters worse, their early enthusiasm had ebbed in the long interval between rehearsals, and the authors had a difficult task in persuading their cast that, come what may, the show must go on.

"We shan't be coming to the rehearsal after prep," Venables remarked during tea one evening. "Temple and I have bagged the ping-pong table for a famous challenge match."

Shocking disloyalty

Jennings was aghast at such disloyalty to the play. "But you can't go waltzing off like that at a time like this!" he protested. "You chaps don't seem to realise that if our play isn't ready by this time next week there jolly well won't be an end-of-term concert at all."

There was more truth in this than Jennings realised; for the headmaster had not taken kindly to Mr. Wilkins' idea of engaging Irving Borrowmore to entertain the school with his dramatic sketches.

"I would prefer the boys to organise their concert without employing a professional actor," he had told his assistant a few days before. "If, as you say, he has already agreed to come, I can only suggest that you write and put him off."

"Very well, Headmaster," Mr. Wilkins had agreed. But in the rush and turmoil of setting exam papers the matter had passed from his mind, and he had quite forgotten to write the letter cancelling Mr. Borrowmore's visit.

For the rest of that week the cast grudgingly attended rehearsals in the gymnasium, reciting their parts—or such lines as they could remember—in such a flat and stilted fashion that the two authors groaned with despair. And then, on the following Monday, came a further disaster which caused even Jennings and Darbishire to admit defeat.

Missing moustache

The two boys had scampered upstairs to their dormitory just before the evening rehearsal, to retrieve the false moustache from the pocket of Darbishire's Sunday suit. But as Jennings opened the door of the clothes locker a puzzled frown clouded his brow.

"That's funny! Your best suit's not here!" he exclaimed.

Matron was outside on the landing sorting sheets, and the boys hurried out to see if she could throw any light on the mystery.

"That's quite right. I sent it to the cleaner's this morning," she informed them.

"Cleaner's! Oh, fish-hooks!" Jennings smote his brow and reeled unsteadily under this cruel blow of Fate. "But, Matron, it's got something urgent in the pocket! Everything will be ruined if we don't get it back!"

The situation was grave indeed, and there was very little they could do about it, for, as Matron pointed out, the suit would not be back from the cleaner's until the last morning of term: and even then it was unlikely that the vital stage property would still be in the pocket.

"We'll have to scrap the whole concert, that's all," Jennings said bitterly. "We can't possibly do a play about a man who comes on in a moustache and gets shot, if we haven't got a moustache for him to come on and get shot in."

It was Matron who suggested a solution. "Mr. Carter's very keen on your performing an excerpt from Shakespeare," she reminded them. "What was that scene you studied in class that you were telling me about last week?"

"Oh, that was just a chunk of Henry V," Jennings replied without enthusiasm. "But we couldn't do that because we haven't got any costumes."

Costumes for six

Matron hesitated for a moment and then said: "If there aren't too many of you taking part, I might be able to run up something for you to wear from those odd pieces in the sewing-room."

This was something that neither of them had thought of in their wildest dreams; and the idea of a historical play in costume tilted the scale in favour of Shakespeare. At once the woebegone features lit up with smiles of joy.

"Oh golly, Matron, would you really? That'd be smashing, wouldn't it!"

"Real costumes! Super wacko! Just for six of us, Matron; that's all we'd need."

"All right then," she smiled. "I'll see what I can do."

Happily they scuttled downstairs to the gymnasium, discussing their plans as they went.

"We'll do that bit just before the Battle of Agincourt, where the king comes on and makes that supersonic speech," Jennings decided.

Forthcoming attraction

Darbishire hopped from foot to foot with excitement. "Yes, and we ought to have a fanfare for when the king comes on. Bromwich major's got a tin trumpet in his tuckbox that would be just the job."

The change of plan was complete. A few minutes later they bustled importantly into the gymnasium to announce the new arrangements to the cast.

The news of the Shakespearean production was received with critical sniffs by Venables, Temple, and Atkinson, until they realised that they would be allowed to dress up for the performance. Then their hostility vanished, and they skipped about, flipping their fingers in joyful anticipation.

"Real costumes! Ah, now you're talking," crowed Venables. "Suits of armour and stuff are much better than moth-eaten moustaches any day."

Briefly Jennings explained his plan. "We'll do the scene before the Battle of Agincourt," he said, thumbing his way through a dog-eared copy of Henry V. "Let's

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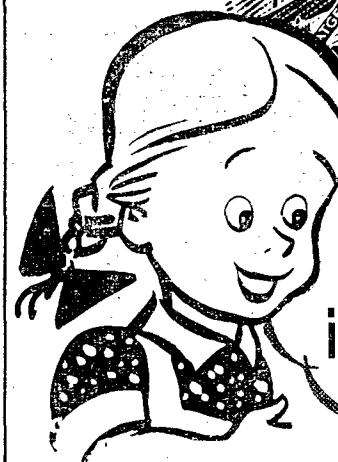
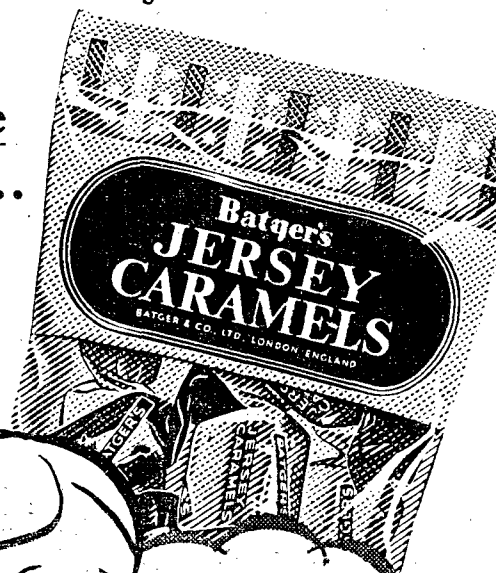


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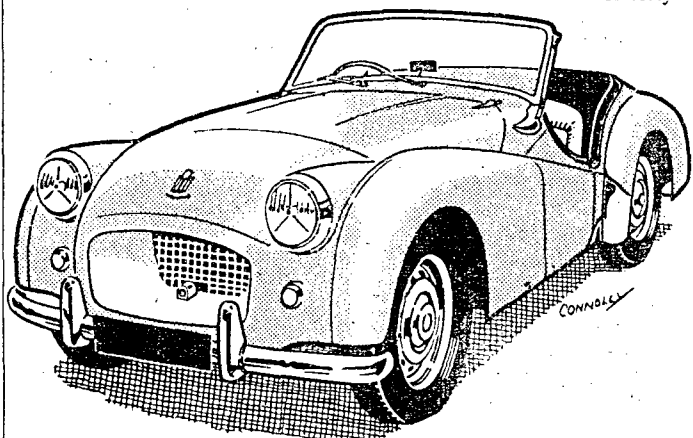


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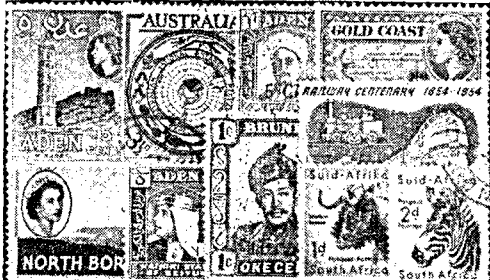


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NEW sets of stamps bearing the Queen's portrait are in preparation for Singapore and Cyprus.

The Eiffel Tower radiating TV beams is pictured with a TV set on a French stamp which will be released later this month.

C N reader wins bicycle

Congratulations to **Jean Alderman**, of Northolt, who has been awarded the Bicycle offered in **C N** Competition No. 24. Runners-up, who each receive a 10s. note, are: **Ruth Castledine**, Burton-on-Trent; **Richard Cook**, Chichester; **Margaret Critchley**, London, S.W.19; **Barry Goodyear**, London, N.22; **Alistair Govan**, St. Albans; **Anthony Pennington**, Doncaster; **Bronwen Pryce**, Weybridge; **John Watson**, Huddersfield; **Malcolm Watson**, London, N.19, and **Christine Westaway**, Chichester.

Answers: 1 Dollar; 2 War Department; 3 Level Crossing without Gates; 4 Hydrant; 5 St. John Ambulance Brigade; 6 Diplomatic Corps; 7 Railway Gradient Post; 8 Isle of Man.

CLOVELLY LOSES A POPULAR FIGURE

The picturesque North Devon village of Clovelly, is mourning the death of a popular little donkey, Paul.

He was known to thousands of visitors and television viewers as one of the village's now diminishing band of donkeys who had quite a few public duties. For the last ten or eleven years, twice a week, Paul moved slowly down the stepped High Street while his master, Mr. Cecil Braund, tipped the contents of dustbins into sacks strapped to the donkey's broad back.

Every afternoon, too, just before teatime, he carried the mail from the post office to a mail van waiting a mile-and-a-half away at Higher Clovelly.

Says Mr. Braund, who is the village postman: "I've never known a donkey like Paul. He was hard working, he was kind, he knew every house in the village, and the children just loved him. I would not have lost him for all the money in the world. It just doesn't seem the same without him."

Air battle

When a hawk attacked a Dakota aircraft of the Israeli Air Force recently, it dived clean through the windshield, injuring the pilot, and was trapped inside the fuselage. The bird survived, however, and was taken back to Tel Aviv and handed over to a bird protection society.

OUR FRIEND JENNINGS (Continued from page 9)

see, now, we shall need Bedford and Exeter, Salisbury and Gloucester, Westmoreland and . . .

"I thought you said only one scene. That's five places already," Atkinson pointed out.

"They're not places; they're important people, you coot," Darbshire informed him. "You see, if you're a lord or a baron you're allowed to call yourself after a county."

Atkinson was not convinced. "Well, you're not a baron, so why do you call yourself 'Derbshire'?"

"Ah, that's different. My father says that years ago . . .

"Shut up, Darbi. We haven't got time to listen to your family history," Jennings broke in. "Let's get these parts dished out and then we can start rehearsing in earnest."

Casting problems

Venables was happy enough to be cast in the rôle of the Duke of Gloucester, but Temple raised objections when awarded the Duchy of Exeter.

"Couldn't it be Bournemouth instead?" he pleaded. "You see, I went there last holidays and . . .

"No, it jolly well couldn't!" said Jennings severely. "There isn't a Duke of Bournemouth in the play. Now, I'll be the Earl of Salisbury, and Darbi and Atki can be Bedford and Westmoreland, and there we are."

It was the Duke of Gloucester who pointed out a serious flaw in the casting arrangements. "We

haven't got anyone to play Henry V," he said. "I don't see how we can do without him, unless we alter the play quite a bit."

At once there was a wild clamour of volunteers eager to exchange their baronial rôles for the royal part. But one glance at the length of the speeches that the king would have to learn at short notice caused them hastily to withdraw their rash offers.

"We've only got a couple of days to mug it up in," said Darbshire.

Getting their own back

"Well, somebody's got to do it," Temple argued. "Let's think who's got a supersonic, ten horse-power memory."

"What about Mr. Wilkins?" said Jennings suddenly.

There was a puzzled silence, followed by hoots of derision.

"Oh, gosh, no! Not Old Wilkie!" protested Atkinson.

Jennings stood his ground. "I think Old Wilkie'd be jolly good," he maintained. "He's always telling us how easy it is to learn things off by heart, so here's his chance to prove it."

There was something to be said for this point of view, and gradually the cast was won over by the logic of Jennings' reasoning. They had all suffered much in the past from having to memorise passages of History or English for Mr. Wilkins . . . Very well then! Here was their chance to turn the tables.

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SPORTS SHORTS

Good advice

HUGH FOORD, 25-year-old Brighton storekeeper, who finished second to Frank Sando in the European cross-country championship last month, owed his place in the team and his eventual success to the man who was prevented by illness from running in the race, Gordon Pirie. Last year Pirie was training in Brighton when he was approached by the "unknown" Hugh Foord, who asked the champion's advice. He obviously heeded it well.

THE world table tennis championships open in Utrecht, Holland, on Friday, and will continue for ten days. 35 nations have entered for the Swaythling and Corbillon Cup competitions, for the men's and women's team titles. In both tournaments, England will meet Wales in qualifying matches.

Sharing a title

FRANCE and Wales share the 1955 International Rugby Union Championship with six points each. Last season these two countries shared the title with England. Since the war, the Welsh teams have been outright or part-winners of the championship five times.

THE West Bromwich Schools' F.A. are proud of their captain, Peter Bunch. Not only has this fine young footballer skippered the local district team this season, but he has played for Birmingham County representative sides, in International trial teams, and then gained his first international cap in the match against Wales.

THE Oxford and Cambridge inter-University sports, postponed earlier this year owing to bad weather, will be staged at the White City next Saturday. Particular interest will be shown in the shot-put event, in which six foot six Bill Palmer and Bill Robbins, both of Oxford, will be striving to beat the Varsity record of 49 feet three inches. Both have already made puts of more than 48 feet.

RICHARD ATKINS, 14-year-old boxer from the Briset School, Woolwich, who won the six stone ten Junior "B" title at the recent Schools' Boxing Championships, to add to the title he won last year as a 13-year-old, is a true son of his father, for Mr. Atkins was once a professional boxer. Two of Richard's brothers have also won ring titles as amateurs, while ten-year-old brother Larry is a schools' district champion at four stone seven.

ANOTHER winner in the championships was 14-year-old Joseph Williamson from Liverpool. He won the Junior "B" five stone ten title, and was also awarded the Gold Star as the most stylish boxer of the evening.

Footballers all

It is seldom that three brothers play in the same football team, but this happened recently when Wimbledon's XI included Jack and Harry Wallis, regular members of the side, and younger brother Joe. Walthamstow Avenue also played the three brothers Groves on several occasions.

REG IVEY, Hendon's goalkeeper in the Amateur Cup Final on Saturday, is a London patrol-car policeman. After winning representative honours in amateur Soccer after the war, he started to play Rugby for a Police XV early this season, but in January he returned to Soccer.

Coached by a veteran



Mr. Jack Ashdown, aged 74, who is believed to be the oldest cricketer still playing, coaches 12-year-old John Hills. Mr. Ashdown, President and Captain of Newhaven Cricket Club, took 109 wickets last season.

Hats off to a great side

On their way home after their tour of Australia and New Zealand, the M.C.C. team can look back with pride on their achievements.

They retained the Ashes by winning three Tests to one; they twice defeated New Zealand (and in one game dismissed that team for 26 runs, the lowest Test score ever recorded); and they won 12 first-class matches and lost only two—the best record of any touring team.

Of the individual players, many of the "Old Guard" enhanced their reputations, and several of the younger players scored notable successes.

Len Hutton, although not as prolific a run-getter as on previous tours, proved himself an admirable captain, leading his men with

skill and setting a fine example. In the second Test against New Zealand, incidentally, he captained England for the 23rd time—an English record. As he is almost certain to lead England against South Africa this summer he will no doubt beat W. M. Woodfull, Australian captain 25 times. Of the other experienced players, Godfrey Evans established himself as the world's best wicket-keeper; Denis Compton topped the batting averages with 57; and all-rounder Trevor Bailey did sterling things with both bat and ball.

Of the younger men, "Typhoon" Tyson, as he was nicknamed in Australia, took a place among the world's great bowlers of all time; and he was well supported by Brian Statham and Bob Appleyard (who topped the bowling averages with 44 wickets for 656 runs). Frank Tyson's total of 64 wickets was the highest since 1929.

Colin Cowdrey, who celebrated his 22nd birthday during the tour, is likely to be in England's team for many years to come; and Peter May played some of his best innings in rescuing England from poor starts. They both scored over 1000 runs.

This England side, now on the way home, was certainly one of the most popular that ever toured Australia.

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"Ah, wonderful oak," murmured an old lady who had stopped in the park to admire a tree, "what would you say to me if only you could talk?"

A park keeper working nearby looked up. "Probably," he said, "it would say 'There must be some mistake. I'm an elm.'"

WHAT TREES ARE THESE?

ONCE used in school

A flat surface

This is a girl's name

You can get this from a fire

An old story is called this

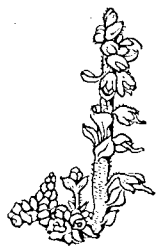
You can sweep with this

Answer in column 5

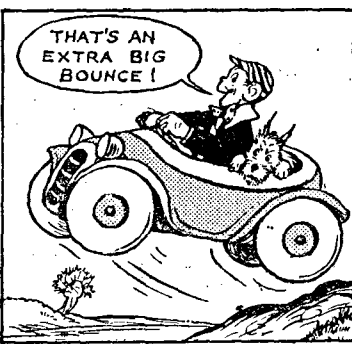
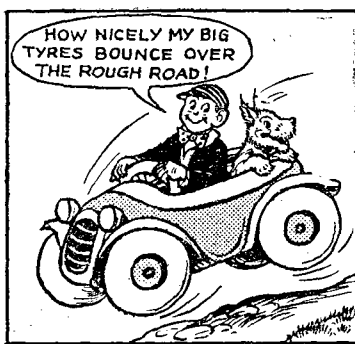
SPOT THE . . .

TOOTHWORT as it pushes its odd, fleshy flower-spikes through the soil. Toothwort is a parasitic plant which spends most of its time underground. Early in the year its white, curved stems appear at the base of an elm or hazel, on whose roots it preys. The stems soon straighten and gradually develop a one-sided cluster of curious, pinkish-tinged flowers.

If you dig around the plant you will find it has no roots. Its branched stems are fixed by suckers to the root of its prey.



JACKO BUMPS RIGHT INTO TROUBLE



WATER BABIES

UNDERNEATH a willow tree, hidden by the reeds, A pair of moorhens built a nest of sticks and water-weeds. Six buff, speckled eggs were laid, on the weed-lined sticks. Mrs. Moorhen brooded them and hatched six tiny chicks. On the pond a mother proud will very soon appear With her sooty, fluffy babies trailing in the rear.

PROOF ENOUGH

THE mother was trying to persuade the headmistress to admit her four-year-old daughter to a kindergarten.

"She's very intelligent," said the mother, "she could pass the test." Unconvinced, the headmistress turned to the little girl and said: "Say some words."

The child asked: "Purely irrelevant pronouncements, or on some specified subject?"

WHEN . . .

. . . is a wall like a fish?

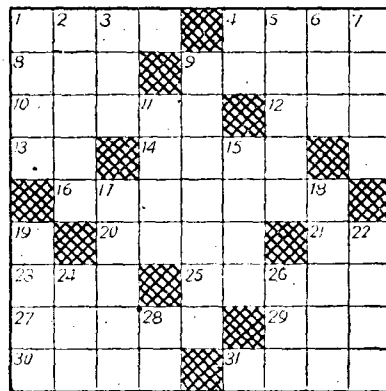
When it is scaled

Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Eager. 4 Deeds. 8 Through. 9 In that place. 10 Foe. 12 Colour. 13 Perform. 14 Recess in church. 16 Habits. 20 Atmospheric gas. 21 Thank you! 23 Atmosphere. 25 Willow. 27 Moan. 29 Latitude. 30 You put this on your dinner. 31 Deer-like animals.

READING DOWN. 1 Copied. 2 Poison. 3 Anger. 4 Exclamation. 5 Yielded. 6 Attempt. 7 Appear. 9 Hurricane. 11 Friend. 15 Boys. 17 Put your name on a list. 18 Thick slice of meat. 19 Droops. 22 Crafts. 24 Irish Republican Army. 26 Unwell. 28 Position.

Answer next week



POODLE CUT

SAID a doleful French poodle named Molly:

This hair cut I'm given is folly;

Without fur or feather

In this bitter weather

When I need it makes me

melancholy.

STAMP ALBUM ANSWER.

Bavaria

ANSWERS TO WORD QUIZ

1c, 2c, 3a, 4b, 5c

BRAN TUB ANSWERS

What trees are these? Birch, plane, hazel, ash, chestnut, broom

Form a chain. Shell, llama, match, chili, eleven, envelope, pendulum, umbrella, lake, kettle, lead

Who said? Edward III, Elizabeth I, Oliver Cromwell, General Wolfe, Sir Henry Stanley, The Queen when Princess Elizabeth

BEDTIME TALE

SUSAN'S BITTY-BAG

SUSAN watched the small birds in the garden fly to and fro with bits of dried grass in their beaks.

"What are the birds doing, Mummy?" asked Susan.

"They are building a nest," said Mummy. "Soon they will be carrying feathers and bits of soft stuff to line the nest, and to make it warm and cosy."

"They do work hard," said Susan. "I wish I could help them."

"So you can," replied Mummy. "We'll make a bitty-bag."

"A bitty-bag?" Susan was puzzled. She even wondered if Mummy expected the birds to fly around carrying little bags like suitcases in their beaks.

Mummy took out a piece of old net curtain from her rag-bag.

"We'll make a bag out of this. Then you can fill it with bits that the birds can use to build their nests."

"What happens then?" asked Susan.



"Then hang it on the apple tree and the birds will pick the bits through the holes," said Mummy.

Susan was excited. As soon as the net bag was finished she began filling it. In the front garden she picked some soft moss. By the back door she found bits of straw in an empty packing-case. A lady

living nearby who kept chickens let Susan pick all the soft feathers that were lying on the ground in the chicken-run.

Back home Susan found some cotton-wool in the first-aid box.

"Fluff it with your fingers," said Mummy.

Then Susan remembered that Belinda, her second-best doll,

had just had a new wig. In a corner of her toy-cupboard Susan found Belinda's old ragged wig. She fluffed it out, and put that too, in the bitty-bag.

The net bitty-bag was full and Susan hung it on the apple tree. And what fun she had watching the birds unpack that bitty-bag!

WHO SAID?

Each of these quotations is by a famous person.

LET the boy win his spurs.

I know that I have but the body of a weak and feeble woman, but I have the heart of a king.

Take away that bauble.

Gentlemen, I would rather be the author of that poem than take Quebec.

Dr. Livingstone, I presume?

I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great Imperial family.

Answer in column 5

FEELINGLY EXPRESSED

GROANED an air sick young lady from Perth:

"I'm surely in no mood for mirth,

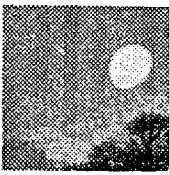
But it's no flight of fancy,

Sure as my name is Nancy,

That I feel just like nothing on earth."

OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Jupiter is in the south and Mars is low in the west. In the morning Venus is low in the east, and Saturn is in the south-west. Our picture shows the



Moon as it will appear at seven a.m. on Thursday, April 14.

Boy oh Boy!

what

Bubbles

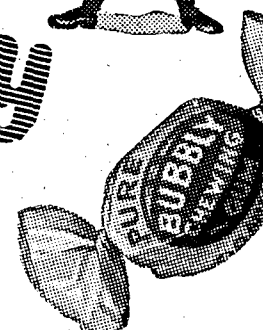


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